

Office of Childhood 2022

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New FTE

14

to support critical office operations

Child Care Relief Funds

\$700M

to strengthen child care and build childhood infrastructure Preschool Development Grant

\$15M

to childhood infrastructure and workforce development

School Readiness

28

indicators mapped to existing data points

Home Visiting & Early Intervention

\$15M

to increase rates for professionals delivering early intervention and parent education services

1 7%

more developmental screenings for young children **15%**

more families receiving abuse/neglect prevention services **11**%

more children referred, tested, served by First Steps

Quality Programs

1,000

childhood professionals trained in developmental milestones and developmental screening



Increased number of school districts using kindergarten entry assessment

15

schools in 2021

215

schools in 2022

Outreach

disseminated a media campaign about the value of being part of the Early Childhood workforce

10%

more stakeholders agree that state agencies are working together to support families with young children



Preschool & Afterschool

13%

more children enrolled in public preschool programs **16**%

more children enrolled in afterschool programs

Child Care Subsidy

1 25%

more children receiving child care subsidy

123%

more child care providers enrolled in child care subsidy

Child Care Relief Funds

\$33.1M

distributed to more than 275 providers to start-up new programs - creating up to 12,000 new child care slots once licensed \$63.7M

distributed to nearly 2,000 child care providers for ongoing operations

Child Care

13%

more child care staff background screenings - with an average turnaround time of 2-3 days **\$66%**

fewer violations for child care enrollment forms

Implemented a new training for compliance inspectors with emphasis on best practices for customer service, employing a coaching mindset, and technical assistance perspective when working with child care providers.

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